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CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVOR SPEAKS AT ESPLANADE

Medicine Hat – The Esplanade Museum and the Calgary Jewish Community Council present a special appearance and talk by Mr. Oscar Kirshner, a survivor of the concentration camps during World War II, in the Esplanade's Gallery Foyer on **Thursday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.** Doors open at 7 p.m.

Special Appearance & Talk by Mr. Oscar Kirshner

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Doors open at 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome and admission to the gallery is free.

This programme is presented in conjunction with the exhibition ***Auschwitz: The Eva Brewster Story***, currently on display in the Esplanade Heritage Gallery.

"For those who have had the privilege to view the powerful exhibition, ***Auschwitz: The Eva Brewster Story***, this presentation will augment the exhibition – for those who have not, it will provide an excellent introduction into the death camps and the incredible stories of those who survived," says Donny White, Curator of Cultural History at the Esplanade.

Oscar Kirshner was born in October 1925 in the Polish city of Turka. Between 1942 and 1945, Kirshner survived life in the Richar, Tzherger, Birkenau and Menck Moshenitz concentration camps. After the war, he spent time in the Haazen Hekka and Farenwald displaced persons camps, as well as five months at the Waartenberg YMCA camp in Germany.

Kirshner sailed to Canada aboard the General M.B. Stewart in October 1948 and has lived in Calgary since that time.

Auschwitz: The Eva Brewster Story is organized by Galt Museum and Archives in Lethbridge and is on display in the Heritage Gallery until June 29.

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